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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM-CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE REQUEST TO  
MEET WITH AMBASSADOR HODGSON (S/S 760363L)

1. WE HAVE LEARNED INFORMALLY FROM A STAFF MEMBER OF THE  
CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE PLANS TO REQUEST  
AMBASSADOR HODGSON TO MEET WITH IT FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE  
LOCKHEED AFFAIR. THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS NO EVIDENCE LINKING  
HODGSON WITH THE AFFAIR, AND DOES NOT EXPECT THAT A MEETING  
WITH HIM WILL PROVIDE ANY NEW REVELATIONS. ON THE OTHER  
HAND, THE SUBCOMMITTEE IS ANXIOUS TO HEAR HIS VIEWS,  
PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF  
INTEREST AND ITS EFFECT ON HODGSON'S POSITION IN TOKYO.  
BASICALLY, THE SUBCOMMITTEE WISHES TO HAVE IT ON THE RECORD

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THAT ITS INQUIRY HAS ADDRESSED FULLY THIS ASPECT OF THE

AFFAIR.

2. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S INTENTION IS THAT HODGSON WOULD MEET WITH THE MEMBERS INFORMALLY, NOT IN A REGULAR EXECUTIVE SESSION, AND STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID ANY PRESS ATTENTION.

3. HODGSON PLANS TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES IN THE NEAR FUTURE, ARRIVING ON THE WEST COAST MARCH 1 FOR A SERIES OF SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND IN WASHINGTON MARCH 6 FOR SEVERAL DAYS OF CONSULTATIONS. (THIS SCHEDULE WAS ARRANGED PRIOR TO THE LOCKHEED SCANDAL.) THE SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF SUGGESTS THAT IF POSSIBLE HODGSON COME TO WASHINGTON PRIOR TO HIS CALIFORNIA ENGAGEMENTS.

4. RECOMMENDATION: WE BELIEVE THAT AMBASSADOR HODGSON'S MEETING WITH THE SUBCOMMITTEE IS APPROPRIATE, AND THAT IT SHOULD HAVE A USEFUL EFFECT. WE RECOMMEND THAT HE ADJUST HIS SCHEDULE TO ACCOMMODATE THE SUBCOMMITTEE, AND THAT YOU APPROVE OUR SENDING THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO THAT EFFECT TO AMBASSADOR HODGSON. APPROVE    DISAPPROVE

TELEGRAM TO AMBASSADOR HODGSON

1. WE HAVE LEARNED PRIVATELY FROM STAFF MEMBER THAT CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH YOU AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. SUBCOMMITTEE HAS NO REPEAT NO EVIDENCE THAT YOU WERE IN ANYWAY IMPLICATED IN THIS AFFAIR, BUT WISHES, FOR RECORD, TO DISCUSS IT WITH YOU AND HEAR YOUR VIEWS, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE APPEARANCE REPEAT APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST. SUBCOMMITTEE IDEA IS THAT YOU WOULD MEET WITH MEMBERS INFORMALLY, NOT IN FORMAL EXECUTIVE SESSION AND CARE WOULD BE EXERCISED TO AVOID ANY PUBLICITY WHATEVER.

2. STAFF MEMBER WAS INFORMED OF YOUR MARCH TRAVEL TO UNITED STATES, INCLUDING MARCH 6-10 IN WASHINGTON. HE ASKED THAT YOU CONSIDER COMING HERE FOR A DAY OR SO PRIOR TO YOUR ENGAGEMENTS IN CALIFORNIA, SO THAT SUBCOMMITTEE COULD LAY FULLY TO REST THIS ASPECT OF ITS IN-SECRET

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QUIRY. I THINK YOUR MEETING WITH SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD HAVE SALUTARY EFFECT, AND RECOMMEND THAT IF POSSIBLE YOU MOVE FORWARD YOUR DEPARTURE FROM TOKYO BY A DAY OR TWO TO ACCOMMODATE THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S DESIRES. PLEASE ADVISE.

CLEARANCES: H - MR. NELSON  
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